

REMARKS

The application filed on December 29, 2000 included one claim, i.e., claim 1. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application to amend claim 1 and to add new claims 2-34 recited above. Claim 1 is not amended for a reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent. Claim 1 is amended to more clearly set forth that there is antecedent basis for the terms "intellectual property asset," but claim 1 as originally submitted was definite and particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed the subject matter which the applicants regard as their invention. After entry of the foregoing amendments, the application includes claims 1-34.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-34 are patentable. Consequently, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and pass claims 1-34 to allowance.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for determining whether to market an intellectual property asset, the method comprising:

receiving a description of thean intellectual property asset, the intellectual property asset based at least in part on an innovation developed for an internal need; and

generating an assessment of the marketability of the intellectual property asset based at least in part on the description of thean intellectual property asset and a marketing criterion.

CONCLUSION

The application presently contains claims 1-34. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing claims patentably define embodiments of the present invention. A prompt notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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